destination in each State/Union Territory for overall development each year.

Short Fall in Gratuity Funds in ITDC Hotels

732. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 11 Indian Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) Hotels that have been privatized, a shortfall of Rs.23 crores in their gratuity funds have been found;

(b) if so, whether this gratuity payments are proposed to be made from disinvestment proceeds;

(c) whether it would be legal to pay gratuity from dis-investment proceeds; and

(d) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The status of corporate gratuity fund including all Hotels/Duty Free Shops and allied businesses of ITDC is as under:

(*Rs. in Crores*)

Particulars	As on 31.03.2001	As on 31.03.2002 (Prov.)
Gratuity provision	32.28	31.61
Fund Available with LIC	20.23	16.80
Shortfall	12.05	14.81

In respect of three hotels handed over during the current financial year so far, the VRS including gratuity has been obtained upfront from the bidders out of the bid amount.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) All dues would be cleared.